

Empowering Communities. Changing Lives.

City of Chattanooga Funding Request Executive Summary

The mission of the Urban League is to enable African-Americans and other disadvantaged persons to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights. Over the past few years, we have seen the number of people who access our services grow immensely. The ULGC also documented that our client base continues to be more racially and socio-economically diverse, in keeping with population trends locally and nationwide.

The goal of the Urban League's Workforce Development program is to provide job placement assistance, skills training and support to unemployed or underemployed Chattanooga residents. A well-trained citizenry, employed in living-wage jobs strengthens Chattanooga and attracts new businesses to the Scenic City. Families that are economically strong contribute to stable neighborhoods and communities. Workforce Development and training is the core program on which the National Urban League was founded over 102 years ago; and, we are proud to continue the legacy of linking people to living wage employment, job skills training and job search support.

The Urban League of Greater Chattanooga is requesting \$50,000 to support Economic Empowerment and Workforce Development programming. For the past 30 years, locally, the Urban League's Workforce Development Department has consistently provided a high level of service to Chattanooga's job seekers. During the last fiscal year, the Workforce Development department

counseled 809 individuals and helped to place 383, or 47%, in jobs. Throughout the past year, the Urban League also held a series of training programs: construction (highway and green construction) and a series of job information sessions and job fairs, with a variety of employers like EPB, BI-LO, Wal-Mart, Convergys and the Hamilton County 911 Center, to name a few. The Urban League computer lab remains open to the public for resume creation, job searches and computer applications training.

The Urban League of Greater Chattanooga will provide a detailed accounting of how and for what purpose City funds are spent, prior to the close of the City of Chattanooga's fiscal budget year and at the close of each succeeding fiscal budget year until all municipal funds have been spent by the organization. The organization will also provide the City of Chattanooga with copies of current annual audits or reviews for each year that it spends funds appropriated to it by the City of Chattanooga.

The Urban League of Greater Chattanooga remains committed to serving Chattanooga's citizens. Our impact and scope of services has grown to meet the needs of an ever changing City and its dynamic residents. The partnership and funding from the City of Chattanooga allow us to confidently continue to *empower* communities and change lives in Chattanooga.

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